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"3,800 FEET ELEVATION IN THE CAROLINA MOUNTAINS"

How Late in the Spring Can Shipments Be Made?

This question is repeatedly asked me.

Here is the answer:

My Shipments Begin in Late February and End the Latter Part of May

THE REASON FOR THIS LONG SHIPPING SEASON

My Highlands Nursery is located in the high Carolina Mountains at 3,800 feet elevation, making alpine conditions that mean cold nights and cool days. This not only produces hardy stock but keeps vegetation dormant very late in the season. Early shipments are always desirable, yet many customers are often necessarily delayed and then hesitate to order, fearing it is "too late," and so are disappointed and lose a year's growth when it might be otherwise. Shipments from Salem begin later and the ground usually opens up about April 1 in the spring.

SAFE SHIPMENTS ARE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

Rhododendrons, Kalmias, Andromedas, Leucothoes, and most Broad-leaved Evergreens as well as Pines, Hemlocks, Firs, Spruces, and other Conifers may safely be shipped and planted both North and South until well past the middle of May, while clump stock of the first named is often handled with splendid results till June. They are also safely handled in AUGUST and in AUTUMN.

Azaleas and all Deciduous Plants and Trees may be handled till May 15th to 20th and of course in Autumn.

Herbaceous Plants and Ferns generally may be ordered till May 15 and the same is true of nearly all the Bog Plants.

BULBS. Most Bulbs are better planted in Autumn, but many Lilies including superbum, grayi, canadense, carolinianum and speciosum give fine results planted up to May 10th. Trilliums should be in not later than April 15 to May 1, or planted with Erythroniums after flowering or in Autumn.

My customers' interests are, of course, mine, or I could not continue to do business, and my best advice is always at their service. Stock will not be shipped if there is cause to expect other than good results.

Shipments are made from my Highlands Nursery in the Carolina Mountains and from my Salem Branch Nursery. Catalogs and Price Lists free.

Yours truly,

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